

38. (amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the thermoplastic material has a surface on which the toner is printed, the method further comprising the steps of:

- applying heat to at least the surface of the thermoplastic material to produce the reactive state;
- maintaining at least the surface of the thermoplastic material in the reactive state; and
- printing the toner onto the surface.

39. (twice amended) A method of printing on a thermoplastic material, the method comprising the steps of:

- heating a toner comprised of a coloring agent and thermoplastic toner particles of the same composition as the thermoplastic material to a toner reactive state;
- heating the molded thermoplastic material to a material reactive state;
- after the heating steps, electrographically printing the toner directly onto the thermoplastic material; and
- hardening the thermoplastic material thereby establishing a bond between the toner and the thermoplastic material,

whereby the thermoplastic material and toner form a consistent material composition.

43. (twice amended) A method of printing on a molded thermoplastic material, the method comprising the steps of:

- heating the thermoplastic material to a material reactive state;
- electrographically printing a toner directly onto the molded thermoplastic material such that the toner is heated by the thermoplastic material and reaches a toner reactive state; and
- hardening the thermoplastic material thereby establishing a bond between the toner and the thermoplastic material,

whereby the thermoplastic material and toner form a consistent material composition.